From: Simmons, Denise
To: Marilyn Frankenstein
Subject: Re: I hope you will support Palestinian civil and human rights!
Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 12:14:29 PM

Dear Ms. Frankenstein,

Thank you for your email. So far, I have not yet seen an actual draft of the proposed resolution asking the City to cease purchasing HP equipment and supplies. I understand there's been a great deal of passionate discussion in the community about this matter – yet I must underscore that this will only appear on the City Council's April 23 agenda if one or more City Councilors sponsor it. We will not know if it is on the agenda until either a City Councilor publicly declares that they'll be sponsoring this (to my knowledge, this has not happened), or until the agenda is finalized by the Clerk's Office and posted online this Thursday evening around 5:30 pm.

There have been numerous passionate op-eds, emails, and social media posts both in favor of and in opposition to this resolution - yet I must clarify that we do not yet actually have a resolution or policy order in front of us, there has been absolutely no debate about this amongst the City Councilors, and the City Council will not have an opportunity to take this up for consideration unless and until a resolution is sponsored by at least one of us and introduced at a public meeting.

I appreciate your reaching out and sharing your views on this. I am currently reading up on this issue to be better informed, I am reviewing all the emails and letters coming in about this issue, and I am reaching out to our representatives in Congress to seek their input on an issue that is more international than municipal in scope. Should this matter end up on before the City Council – either on April 23 or at a later date – I will look forward to engaging in a thoughtful discussion and debate with my colleagues on the Council and then seeing how to best resolve this matter in a way that allows everyone to feel they have had a fair chance to be heard. Thank you.

E. Denise Simmons

From: Marilyn Frankenstein <Marilyn.Frankenstein@umb.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 4:06 PM
To: McGovern, Marc; Devereux, Jan; Carlone, Dennis; Simmons, Denise; Zondervan, Quinton; Siddiqui, Sumbul; Toomey, Tim; Kelley, Craig; Mallon, Alanna
Subject: I hope you will support Palestinian civil and human rights!

Dear Cambridge City Councilors:

I'm writing as a long-time (35 year) resident of Cambridge, born in Brooklyn, who is proud of the progressive stances my adopted city has taken over the years.

As someone of Jewish heritage, I am particularly concerned that the

actions of the government of Israel towards Palestinians, actions which violate international law, are contrary to the values of my heritage which honors civil and human rights, and contrary to the values of my city's leadership in this area.

I urge you, as elected officials of my city, to continue our heritage of standing against injustice and for human and civil rights, particularly on the issue which will be discussed at your April 23, 2018 meeting.

Sincerely,
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